

CITY OF SAINT MARYS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 20, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly Council meeting of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Sally Geyer on Monday, December 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room of City Hall, 11 LaFayette Street. Notice of this meeting was sent to Council on December 16, 2010, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Sally Geyer, Dennis Nero, Steven Skok, Daniel Hepner, Bob Roberts, Richard Dornisch, Richard Gabler, Jr., Manager David Greene, and Solicitor Mark Jacob.

VISITORS

Visitors included: Elizabeth Friedl, Patty Prechtel, Dorothy Goetz, Thomas Schatz, Albert Dippold, Steve Michuck, Bob Rodich, Ned Jacob, Tina Gradizzi, Dennis Bauer, Tim Ruffner, Ken Young, Mike Brock, Richard Sadley, Joe Frey, Delores Frey, and Donald Asti.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
December 6, 2010

Richard Dornisch made a motion to approve the minutes of December 6, 2010, seconded by Daniel Hepner, and all were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING: City's 2011
Budget
Citizens Comments

Mayor Geyer opened the public hearing at 7:01 p.m.

Ned Jacob, resident, stated his ideas to further reduce the budget.

Thomas Schatz, resident, commented on the proposed increase in taxes.

Albert Dippold, resident, commented the 12% increase in taxes was too much.

Steve Michuck, resident, thought if certain exemptions were no longer given, it could raise funds for the budget.

Mayor Geyer closed the hearing at 7:15 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON
AGENDA TOPICS

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

MANAGER'S REPORT

November 15- Councilman Hepner and I met with Carl Baker from IVest Development, LLC. IVest was considering building a restaurant in the downtown area.

November 16- Members of the pension committee met with Jeff Davidek to be updated on the financial status of our pensions.

November 17- Attended a meeting of the West Creek Rails to Trails Association. The draft master site plan has been completed and sent to DCNR for comment and review.

December 1- Attended a Parking Garage meeting held at the job site on Depot Street.

December 7- Attended an Open House at the St. Marys Senior Center. They were celebrating the opening of the reconstructed Depot Street.

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December 7-The Mayor, Councilman Hepner, Councilman Dornisch and I attended the announcement of the merger between C/G and GrafTech.

December 9- Attended a Parking Garage meeting held at the job site on Depot Street.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES Dennis Nero made a motion to approve the Expenditures from November 14, 2010 to December 10, 2010, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

TREASURER’S REPORT Mayor Geyer presented the following Treasurer’s Report as of November 30, 2010:

The revenue collected for the General Fund was at 90.02 percent of budget or five million. Last year in November the City was at 81.72 percent of budget and in 2008 was at 99 percent of the budgeted amount. The expenditures for the General Fund were at 83.53 percent of budget and last year were at 76.2 percent and in 2008 were at 97.6 percent of the budgeted amount. Benchmark figures would be at 91.6 percent. The remaining funds are staying well within their budgeted amounts.

LESGISLATIVE ACTION

Consider for adoption:
Ordinance No. 264, re: Levy and Assessment of 2011 taxes

Ordinance No. 264 was presented providing for the Levy and Assessment of taxes for the City of St. Marys for the Fiscal year 2011 with the following millage rates:

- 12.6082 - General Revenue
- 1.908 - Debt Service
- .80 - Street Lights
- 1.2 - Fire Department
- .24 - Fire Hydrants
- .58 - Library
- .10 - Ambulance Service
- .90 - Parks and Recreation
- Total millage of 18.3362

Motion Passed Daniel Hepner made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 264, seconded by Bob Roberts, and all were in favor, except Richard Dornisch and Mayor Geyer. The motion passed by majority vote.

Resolution No. 10-16, re: 2011 Budget for various funds for the City of St. Marys Resolution No. 10-16 was presented for adoption of the 2011 Budget for the following various funds for the City of St. Marys.

GENERAL FUND	REVENUE	\$6,879,982
	EXPENDITURES	\$6,879,982
STREET LIGHTING FUND	REVENUE	\$173,432
	EXPENDITURES	\$173,432
FIRE PROTECTION FUND	REVENUE	\$261,249
	EXPENDITURES	\$261,249
RECREATION BOARD	REVENUE	\$363,320
	EXPENDITURES	\$363,320

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LIBRARY FUND	REVENUE	\$125,738
	EXPENDITURES	\$125,738
AMBULANCE FUND	REVENUE	\$21,679
	EXPENDITURES	\$21,679
FIRE HYDRANT FUND	REVENUE	\$52,580
	EXPENDITURES	\$52,580
DEBT FUND	REVENUE	\$899,431
	EXPENDITURES	\$899,431
SEWAGE TREATMENT FUND	REVENUE	\$2,703,220
	EXPENDITURES	\$2,703,220

Motion

Steven Skok made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 10-16, seconded by Dennis Nero.

Discussion

Mayor Geyer questioned if Council would like to look at the budget again.

Councilman Dornisch commented he still had misgivings about the budget. He was concerned with the decrease in the tax base and believed the only places left to adjust were services and personnel. He stated long range planning was necessary in this economy.

Mayor Geyer gave further options in order to reduce the budget and stated she did not support the budget.

Thomas Schatz, resident, gave suggestions on how to reduce the budget.

Mayor Geyer stated services would have to be cut to further reduce the budget, unless the residents were willing to pay more.

Motion Passed

All were in favor to adopt Resolution No, 10-16 except for Richard Dornisch and Mayor Geyer. The motion passed by majority vote.

2011 Wage And Benefit Schedule

The 2011 Wage and Benefit Schedule was presented to Council.

Motion Passed

Dennis Nero made a motion to approve the 2011 Wage and Benefit Schedule seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor, except Bob Roberts. The motion passed by majority vote.

Right of Way Agreement, re: Kaul Land Company, Airport Industrial Park Property

A Right-of-Way Agreement was presented to Council between Kaul Land Company and the City.

Solicitor Jacob explained the right-of-way connects to the cul-de-sac at the Airport Industrial Park. In exchange the City will receive a Deed of Dedication from Kaul Land Company for a portion of Environmental Drive. There currently is no weight restriction on the affected roadways.

Council had a brief discussion regarding the weight limits and the responsibility of any damages to the roadways.

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Steven Skok stated on page two the square feet was listed as 2,16 and was incorrect. Solicitor Jacob responded he was aware of it and it would be corrected before the Agreement was signed.

Motion

Richard Dornisch made a motion to approve the Right-of-Way, seconded by Daniel Hepner.

Richard Gabler, Jr. clarified the approval was contingent upon the Deed of Dedication for Environmental Drive and the correction of the square feet listed on page two of the Agreement.

Amended Motion Passed

Richard Dornisch amended his motion and Daniel Hepner amended his second to include the above listed contingencies, and all were in favor.

2011 CDBG Tentative Selection of Projects

Tina Gradizzi, Community and Economic Coordinator, presented the following tentative 2011 CDBG Projects for Councils approval.

- Administration- 18%
- City Road/Street Improvements (Mertz, Charles and/or George)

Bob Roberts made a motion to approve the above listed tentative 2011 CDBG projects, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

City Anti-Displacement Policy

Tina Gradizzi, Community and Economic Development Coordinator explained the City Anti-Displacement Policy is reviewed every five years. Council had received the revisions at the last Council meeting. She was requesting approval of the policy.

Daniel Hepner made a motion to approve the Anti-Displacement Policy, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

City Minority Business Enterprise/Women Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) Plan

Tina Gradizzi, Community and Economic Development Coordinator explained the Minority Business/Women Business Enterprise Plan is reviewed every five years. Council had received the revisions at the last Council meeting. She was requesting approval of the policy.

Motion Passed

Richard Dornisch made a motion to approve the Minority Business/Women Business Enterprise Plan, seconded by Daniel Hepner, and all were in favor.

Crystal Fire Department Long Range Plan

Manager Greene explained the Crystal Fire Department was requesting approval of their Long Range Plan that was previously presented to Council at the Departments Annual Informational meeting, but the increase has since been removed.

Motion

Bob Roberts made a motion to approve the Crystal Fire Department Long Range Plan as finances permit, seconded by Dennis Nero.

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Discussion

Steven Skok questioned if a new fire truck was included in the plan and Manager Greene responded yes, but the motion was made "as finances permit".

Motion Passed

All were in favor to approve the Crystal Fire Department's Long Range Plan with the contingency, as finances permit.

Subdivision Application, re: Jason and Lori Croyle, West Eschbach Road

A subdivision application was presented for Jason and Lori Croyle for property on West Eschbach Road.

The Planning Commission commented they would like to review the residual deed description at their next meeting and corrections were needed to the plat maps.

Motion to Table Passed

Dennis Nero made a motion to table the subdivision application for Jason and Lori Croyle, seconded by Richard Gabler, Jr., and all were in favor.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

There were no topics for discussion.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS

Elizabeth Friedl

Elizabeth Friedl, resident, approached Council and stated the following concerns:

- Zito Media service to their subscribers
- Blight problems within the City
- Mandatory House numbering system
- Blind Intersections
- Lack of signage on Benzinger Road for the curve by the Golf Course

Steve Michuck

Steve Michuck wanted to clarify what the Solicitor had requested of him regarding a property issue.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Hepner

Councilman Hepner commented he had a marked up copy of the Solar Power Purchase agreement and was moving ahead with the adjustments needed to the agreement.

Councilman Dornisch

Councilman Dornisch commented he attended the last Planning Commission meeting and stated the Oil and Gas regulations review was moving along. He also commented he was still requesting Council to consider term limits on the Authorities, Boards and Commissions.

Mayor Geyer

Mayor Geyer commented she was disappointed that the budget passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Geyer made the following announcements:

- The next Council worksession will be held Monday, January 3, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Richard Dornisch made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Torrie Lewandowski
Recording Secretary

Sally Geyer
Mayor